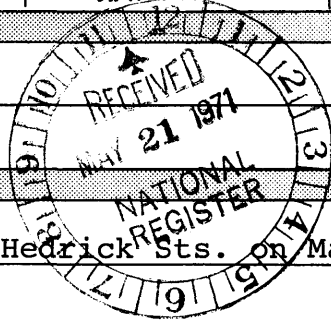


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida	
COUNTY: St. Johns	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Powder House Lot

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Maria Sanchez Powder House Site

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
300' south of intersection of Marine & Hedrick Sts. on Marine St.

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Augustine

STATE Florida	CODE 12	COUNTY: St. Johns	CODE 109
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
St. Johns County

STREET AND NUMBER:
County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: St. Augustine	STATE: Florida	CODE: 12
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
St. Johns County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
King and Cordova

CITY OR TOWN: St. Augustine	STATE: Florida	CODE: 12
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Not represented

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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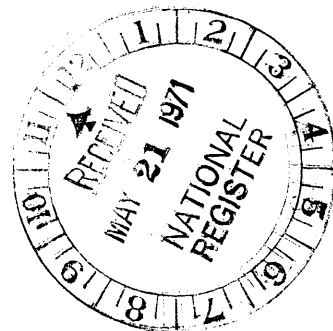
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The foundations of the Powder House were excavated in the summer of 1970 by the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board adding archaeological data to a historical framework based on documentary evidence. The site is presently an open field. In recent time, it has also served as a county nursery and ball park.

Engineer Berrío planned the structure and saw it completed between 1797 and 1800. In his inventory of powder on hand, dated June 30, 1800, a detailed description of the structure is provided. A masonry wall surrounded the building and had stone sentry boxes at opposite corners. Entrance to the enclosure was through a two-leafed door/gate with iron hardware which pierced the north wall. The walls of the magazine were of coquina (shell-rock) with a tile roof. Its entrance was on the east side of the building through double doors of two leafs also fitted with iron hardware. Apparently there was a double shuttered window on the west side.

The overall dimensions were 56' x 89.6' with the Powder House measuring 33.6' x 67.2'. A guard house outside the wall was 16.8' x 22.4'. The long axis of the major structure was oriented east and west.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1797-1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Under Spanish rule from its settlement in 1565, St. Augustine was a garrison town strategically located on the edge of the Gulf Stream, the route of fleets passing through the Florida straits homeward bound for Spain. When the city of St. Augustine and the province of East Florida passed to British control in 1763, the aura of a military town was to be accentuated by the revolutionary conflict which developed to the north. After a brief twenty years, Spain in 1783, returned to rule the Floridas again in the twilight years of her vast New World empire. After her return, Spain's continuing concern for the defense of the province was evidenced by the construction of a powder house south of the city on a sand spit jutting into the Matanzas River.

While there was storage space for munitions in the Castillo de San Marcos, evidently additional room was necessary. Construction of the powder house was started around January 1, 1797 and was completed prior to June, 1800. The building was apparently never entirely successful as a powder magazine, as Engineer de Hita in 1804 stated it was almost always damp.

In 1821 after the province became a territory of the United States, it was suggested that the structure be used as a prison and the associated guard house as a kitchen. One report indicated that the building was in ruins by 1833. Later it was evidently repaired and used by the United States Government as a powder magazine until 1860 when its contents were removed to a building in the city. Its repair and reutilization could have been brought about by the outbreak of the Second Seminole War in 1835 which turned St. Augustine into an armed camp and refugee center for the territory.

Archaeological evidence indicates that the entire structure was razed sometime after 1860 and all usable building material removed from the site. There is no documentary evidence to date that this was done either by the United States Government or by the local citizens. A survey in 1880 indicates the powder house as a site only. The powder house site contributes significantly to the total interpretation of Colonial and Territorial St. Augustine in its role as a military/garrison town.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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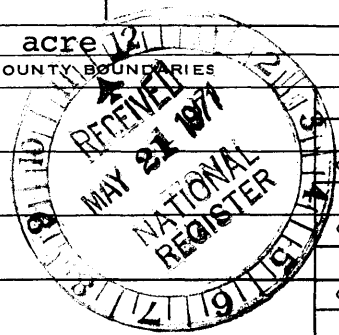
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Approx. one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY (Revised by R. F. Nimnicht, Historic Preservationist)

NAME AND TITLE: Division of Archives)
R. H. Steinbach, Director of Research
 ORGANIZATION: Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board DATE: 8/17/70
 STREET AND NUMBER: 46 St. George Street, Box 1987
 CITY OR TOWN: St. Augustine STATE: Florida CODE: 12

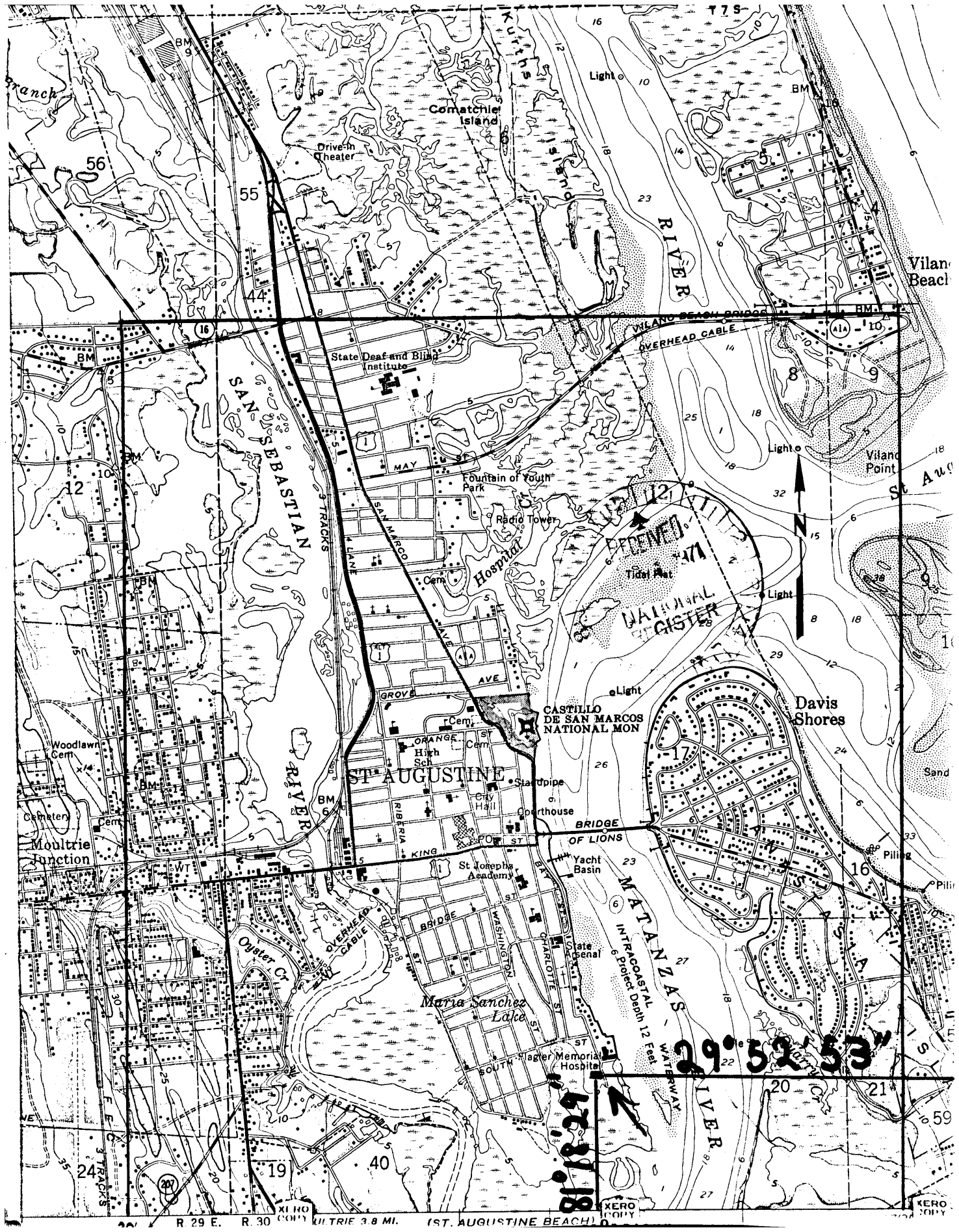
12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
 National State Local
 Name: *Robert M. Wray*
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: May 20, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Robert M. Wray
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: 4/14/72
 ATTEST:
William H. Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: APR 14 1972

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Comatchie Island

Light

RIVER

Vilano Beach

SAN SEBASTIAN RIVER

State Deaf and Blind Institute

VILANO BEACH BRIDGE

OVERHEAD CABLE

Fountain of Youth Park

Radio Tower

Hospital

NATIONAL CISTERN

Light

Vilano Point

CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS NATIONAL MON

Davis Shores

ST. AUGUSTINE

Woodlawn Cem

Cemetery

Moultrie Junction

ORANGE High Sch

ST. JOSEPH'S Academy

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Maria Sanchez Lake

BRIDGE OF LIONS

Yacht Basin

State Senal

INTRACOASTAL

WATERWAY

RIVER

BRIDGE

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29° 52' 53"

62° 18' 22"

Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE FLORIDA	
COUNTY ST. JOHNS	
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ENTRY NUMBER APR 14 1972	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME		
COMMON: Lewis Field		
AND/OR HISTORIC: Powder House Lot, Marine & Hedricks Sts. on Marine		
2. LOCATION		
STREET AND NUMBER: 300' south of intersection		
CITY OR TOWN: St. Augustine		
STATE: Florida	CODE 12	COUNTY: St. Johns
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½" quadrangle, St. Augustine, Florida		
SCALE: 1: 24,000		
DATE: 1956		
4. REQUIREMENTS		
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS		
1. Property boundaries where required.		
2. North arrow.		
3. Latitude and longitude reference.		

